## PATENT CLAIMS

- 1. A packaging machine with at least one working station (2,7,10) which exhibits an upper tool (3,8,12) and a vertically displaceable lower tool (4,9,11), characterised in that the lower tool (4,9,11) exhibits several lifting devices (50) arranged parallel to one another and/or a lifting device exhibits at least three lifting shafts (65a, 65b, 65c).
- 2. The packaging machine according to claim 1, characterised in that the lifting devices (50) are identical in design.
- 3. The packaging machine according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the lifting devices can be driven independently of one another.
- 4. The packaging machine according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the lifting devices (50) can be controlled from a control unit.
- 5. The packaging machine according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that a lifting device exhibits two drive means (68).
- 6. The packaging machine according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that each drive means interacts in each case with at least two lifting shafts (65 a-c).
- 7. The packaging machine according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the drive means (68) operate in opposed directions.